In the Specification

　　　　Please delete paragraph [0006] in its entirety and replace it with the following:

[0006]　　An embodiment of the invention is a method for scheduling resources to be used in a software development project. The method can comprise a customer providing information regarding a software development project to be completed. A planning department, which could be an Information Technology (IT) ~~IT~~ department or a release management group, initially reviews the provided information and provides initial feedback prior to completing a detailed requirements analysis. The detailed requirements analysis can include any or all of a functional requirements modeling step, a system requirements modeling step, an application integration modeling step, and a contract development step. The planning department reserves resources for the project based on the information prior to completing the detailed requirements analysis. After reserving the resources and completing the detailed requirements analysis, the planning department can offer the customer a contract describing the resources to be used for the project and, upon approval of the contract by the customer, the planning department can schedule the reserved resources as agreed upon in the contract.